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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Employment Opportunities, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Good Morning,

Growing up in poverty was difficult for my family. But through hard work and dedication they achieved a pathway to the middle class. My family showed me that with sacrifice and hard work anything was possible. Because of the opportunity my family has given me, I was able to find my own voice. Today, I am in the position to **help others find their voice too.**

Your participation in the [AAPI Action Forum is critical](#). It is your chance to **voice YOUR opinions** and **let us know YOUR priorities**. This forum is an opportunity for different cultures and ethnic backgrounds to come together and talk about the issues that affect us all - health care, education, public safety, housing and economic empowerment.

Your attendance is crucial - here is why:

- This will be a highly interactive meeting in which you can share ideas in small groups and use high-end technology to **record your views in real time**;
- The feedback collected at this meeting will have a direct impact because it will be used to **determine action items and implementation priorities for MOAPIA**;
- And, this forum will help **bridge cultural and linguistic gaps not only within the AAPI community but among our fellow Latino and African residents** because together we have a stronger voice.

Can I count on you for your attendance and support?

Please [click here to RSVP](#) to the event today!

I look forward to greeting you in person on September 12.

Warm Regards,



David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



**Mayor's Office on Asian
and Pacific Islander
Affairs**

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

How to Reach Us

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The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

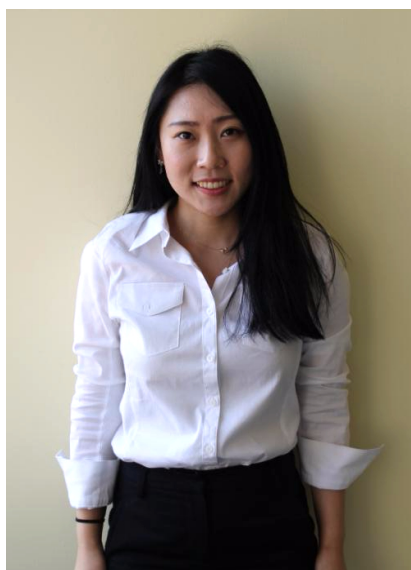
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MOAPIA News

MOAPIA Welcomes New Additions to the Office



Staff Assistant - Esther Kang

Esther Kang recently joined the MOAPIA team and serves as the staff assistant for the office.

Esther received her undergraduate degrees in International Relations, with a focus on Peace and Security, and Political Science, with an emphasis on American Politics at the University of California, Davis. Prior to joining MOAPIA, Esther was interning at the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Legislative Affairs and Public Affairs. While working there, Esther contributed to weekly internal newsletters and tracked stakeholder activity on the Hill. Esther

also has experience working with limited English proficient residents and the AAPI community through her previous internship last Fall at MOAPIA as a Language Access intern.

During her free time, Esther enjoys listening to music, reading novels, spending time outdoors, and biking. Growing up in Los Angeles, California, Esther interacted with people from various cultural backgrounds, and learned to appreciate diversity. At the same time, she understands the struggles that come with language barriers and limited access to policy and community involvement. As a staff member at MOAPIA, Esther hopes to assist and District residents experiencing such struggles.

more than one month out in advance; certain exceptions apply at MOAPIA's discretion.



Fall Intern - Jessica Hawkins

Jessica Hawkins will be joining the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs for the fall. She is a graduate of Colgate University where she studied International Relations and Japanese. While on campus, she was the Vice President of the college's Japan Club where she helped spread cultural awareness through hosting various events such as information sessions, dinners, and karaoke nights. The highlight of her college career was in her Junior year when she was fortunate enough to study abroad in Japan. While there she spent much of her free time as an English tutor for elementary and middle school students and

traveling the countryside. Through this internship, she hopes to meet new people, gain insight on how the government functions, and be an active advocate for the APIA community.

MOAPIA Announces Additional Tai Chi Classes!



MOAPIA is excited to announce it will be continuing its morning Tai Chi classes! Classes will be moved to **Thursday mornings at 8 am.**

Location: Chinatown Park (Mass Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW)

Schedule of Remaining Events:

- 9/3, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 9/10, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 9/17, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class
- 9/24, 8 AM: Tai Chi Class

RSVPs are encouraged but walk-ins are welcomed! To pre-register for Tai Chi classes, please visit morningtaichi.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202) 727-3120.

Chinatown Park Start FRESH! - Outdoor Movie Screenings

MOAPIA is hosting "Under the Stars: Outdoor Movie Screening" as part of its *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* series. Free popcorn will be provided.

Movies will begin at 8 pm. To RSVP, please register [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly Jeong at kangeun.jeong@dc.gov or (202)-727-3120.

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

CHINATOWN PARK
START FRESH!

UNDER THE STARS

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES
@ CHINATOWN PARK
6TH AND I STREET NW

MOVIE STARTS AT 8PM
Bring your own blanket or chair!

New Date
AUGUST 21 **SEPTEMBER 18**
House of Flying Daggers Raise the Red Lantern

RSVP - <http://moapia-underthestars.eventbrite.com>

Follow us @DCMOAPIA #ChinatownParkStartFresh
For more information, email us at oapia@dc.gov or call (202) 727-3120

9/12 - AAPI Action Forum



DC MAYOR'S OFFICE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

AAPI ACTION FORUM

GETTING A "FRESH START" ON THE PRIORITY NEEDS OF
ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS(AAPI) AND MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

FREE MEALS AND PRIZES!

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Doors open at 9 AM

REGISTER TODAY!
DCTakesAction.eventbrite.com

  @DCMOAPIA #DCTakesAction

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
West Salon G & H
801 Mt Vernon Pl NW WDC 20001
Metro: Mt Vernon Sq 7th St
Convention Center

To request reasonable accommodations, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance of the event.

September 12, 2015

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

West Salon G/H

801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Washington, DC 20001

On September 12, MOAPIA will host the [AAPI Action Forum](#) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

This forum will be a rare opportunity for members of all parts of the AAPI community to come together and talk with each other about the most important issues we encounter in our daily lives. Some representatives of the Latino and African diaspora communities will also be present so that we can explore ways for multi-cultural cooperation on areas of common concern. This highly interactive meeting will give everyone who attends an opportunity to express their views in lively small group discussions.

We will also have computers at every table and use keypad polling technology to collect data throughout the day. The purpose of the forum is to identify specific action priorities for the AAPI community on issues relating to health care, education, economic empowerment, housing and public safety. It will be an informative, entertaining and productive meeting with free breakfast and free lunch served to all participants.

If you haven't already done so, please go to www.DCTakesAction.eventbrite.com to learn more this exciting program and register to attend.

Your Help Is Needed!

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is recruiting volunteers for the AAPI Action Forum, which will be held on Saturday, 9/12/2015 at the Convention Center from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The purpose of this forum is to examine how agencies and residents can work more collaboratively across different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Feedback from the forum will be used to create implementable strategies for MOAPIA to work on over the next few years.

Below are more details on the event info and type of volunteers needed:

Saturday September 12

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Convention Center, West Salon G&H

801 Mt. Vernon Square Place (At Mt. Vernon Square metro station)

Volunteer Roles -

- **Table discussion facilitators:** Guide the conversation at each table as participants discuss the questions posed. An hour phone orientation will be provided to prepare volunteers for this task. [Both bilingual and English-speaking only volunteers are needed].
- **Scribes:** Type in participant comments from the discussion question. [Both bilingual and English-speaking only volunteers are needed].
- **Theme team members:** Read all of the comments coming from 18 different table discussions. Volunteers will work in pairs to look for "themes" from the table discussions.
- **Registration**
- **Ushering/General Helpers**

To register, please fill out the form <http://goo.gl/forms/oebTa0Uo7P>. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach MOAPIA at christina.truong@dc.gov or 202-727-3120.

MOAPIA is Recruiting Fall Interns



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) is seeking motivated individuals interested in public service and the Asian American and Pacific

Islander (AAPI) community. Interns will have the opportunity to work on a variety of assignments pertaining to outreach, language access, and intergovernmental affairs.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#). To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Christina Truong at christina.truong@dc.gov.

MOAPIA Created a Google Group!

Join MOAPIA's Google Group

The [MOAPIA Google Group](#) was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/dcmoapia>

MOAPIA in the Community

MOAPIA Participates in MPD's Beat the Streets DC



Director Do is excited about free school supplies!

On August 20, 2015, Director Do and MOAPIA staff participated in MPD's Beat the Streets DC School Supplies Giveaway. At the event, children were given free school supplies to help them prepare for the first day of school. The event was the last in the Beat the Streets DC series.

MOAPIA Participates in School Clean-Up



MOAPIA staff with fellow volunteers

On August 22, 2015, Director Do and MOAPIA staff participated in Garrison Elementary School's Clean-Up Day. Volunteers helped clean up the back area of the school and organized the school's library. School supplies were also collected. The clean up day was organized by the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services.

MOAPIA Hosts *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* Events



8/21: House of Flying Daggers Film Screening



8/25: Tai Chi Participants

MOAPIA Participates in #SlowDownDC Campaign



MOAPIA staff at the Dorothy Height Education Campus

On August 24, 2015, MOAPIA staff joined volunteers and the Executive Office of the Mayor on the first day of school to educate drivers to #SLOWDOWN to keep children safe.

Events and Announcements

Community Calendar

The MOAPIA [Community Calendar](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community events. Please check the Community Calendar page regularly for updates.

To submit events or announcements for the website, please contact oapia@dc.gov. All listings will be on the website until the end date of the program/event or up to one month. A listing will only be added if it is no more than one month out in advance; certain exceptions apply at MOAPIA's discretion.

Employment Opportunities

Career Connections

The MOAPIA [Career Connections](#) page promotes, engages, and serves the AAPI community in the District of Columbia by sharing MOAPIA, District of Columbia government agency, and community employment opportunities, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. Please check the Career Connections page regularly for updates.

To submit announcements for the website, please contact oapia@dc.gov. All listings will be on the website until the end date of the posting deadline or up to one month.

The University of the District of Columbia Community College Offers Free Training for DC Residents

UDC-CC's Division of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning offers programs at no cost to DC residents. Their programs offer students the ability to earn industry recognized certifications recognized in 5 career pathways.

For more information, visit UDC's website at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact them at workforce@udc.edu.



Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning

FREE Training for DC Residents



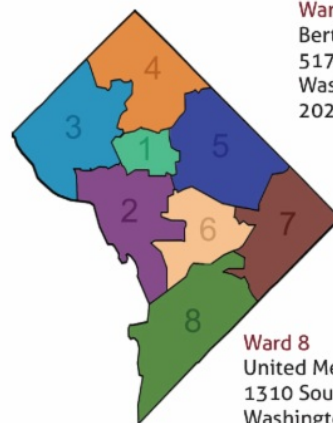
WDLL's mission is to reduce unemployment and underemployment in the District of Columbia by enhancing the skills of its residents.

Training is focused on the industries that are hiring in the DC metropolitan area.

- Healthcare
- Information Technology and Office Administration
- Construction
- Transportation
- Hospitality
- Professional Development

For more information, visit us at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact us at workforce@udc.edu

Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning (WDLL) Locations



Ward 5
Bertie Backus
5171 South Dakota Avenue NE
Washington DC 20017
202-274-7209

Ward 6
Main Campus
801 North Capitol Street NE
Washington DC 20002
202-274-7181

Ward 7
Marion Shadd
5601 East Capitol Street SE
Washington DC 20019
202-274-5617

Ward 8
Patricia Roberts Harris
4600 Livingston Road SE
Washington DC 20032
202-274-6999

Ward 8
United Medical Center
1310 Southern Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032
202-574-6854

Ward 8
St. Elizabeths
R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center
2730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington DC 20032

For more information, visit us at <http://cc.udc.edu/> or contact us at workforce@udc.edu

The Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Recruiting Bilingual Police Officers



The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is looking for individuals who are problem-solvers, who enjoy working with others in all types of settings and circumstances, and ultimately, people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. MPD offers a very competitive starting salary, with police officers who are certified as fluent in any language other than English receiving additional pay, as well as a plethora of benefits. So if you think you have what it takes to be a part of one of the top police departments in the country, apply today!

According to the Census Bureau figures, the Washington, D.C. population is growing at its fastest pace in decades. As our Asian American and Pacific Islander community also continues to grow, the need for new police officers who are bilingual increases. MPD is therefore reaching out to all of our ethnic communities as we expand to meet the changing needs of our city. In Fiscal Year 2014 and beyond, MPD will be hiring approximately 300 new police officers annually.

To find out more about MPD police officer careers, call the Recruiting Division toll free at 1-800-994-MPDC (6732), or if you are in the Washington area at (202) 645-0445. The office is located at 101 M Street Southwest, Washington, D.C. 20024. MPD invites you to please visit the website for more detailed information on this exciting career opportunity.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:

- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/join-metropolitan-police-department>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/salary-and-benefits>
- <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/police-officer-selection-process>

DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) Resources



The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) was created to develop "Jobs for People and People for Jobs."

DOES provides job-seekers with a number of employment opportunities through its [American Job Centers](#). Each center provides career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, direct job placement, classroom and on-the-job training, access to America's Job Bank (both online and via the phone), information about local and national labor markets, unemployment compensation and much more.

DOES also offers [Project Empowerment](#), a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training and subsidized employment to District residents. Participants attend an intensive three-week training course and are then placed in a subsidized employment opportunity for up to six months, all while working towards securing permanent, unsubsidized employment.

PROJECT EMPOWERMENT

What is PE?

Project Empowerment is a transitional employment program that provides job readiness training, work experience, and job search assistance to District residents who face multiple barriers to employment. PE also provides supportive services such as adult basic education, job coaching and occupational skills training.

Who Do We Serve?

District of Columbia residents who are:

- 22-54 years old
- Currently unemployed
- No receiving government assistance (food stamps are acceptable)
- Not currently using any illegal substances


All potential PE participants must exhibit at least three (3) of the following:

- Basic skills deficiency, demonstrated by a lack of sufficient mastery of basic educational skills and/or an English language deficiency with an inability to speak, read, or write the English language
- Lack of secondary school educational credential
- A documented history of substance abuse
- Homelessness
- A history of job cycling
- A felony conviction

How Do We Operate?

- Program Orientation: Participants are introduced to the program.
- Intake, Assessment, and Case Management: Participants' life and work skills are assessed and assigned to a case manager.
- Supportive Services: Case Managers evaluate participants' needs and recommend necessary support services.
- Job Readiness/Life Skills Training: Participants attend a three-week workshop.
- Employability Activities: Participants gain important employability skills.
- Professional Development: Participants are offered additional coaching.
- Job Retention and Follow-Up: Retention Specialists will be in contact for up to one year following obtainment of permanent employment.

Program participants receive \$9.00 per hour for the duration of their participation beginning with Job Readiness Training



CONTACT US:

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Project Empowerment Program

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Phone: (202) 698-5599
www.does.dc.gov



MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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